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[Fratricide by other means](#) – The Daily Beast – Rep. Jane Harman

Sexual assault and rape are still a vastly underreported problem in the military. Rep. Jane Harman (D-Venice, CA) on what is being done to help victims. Despite genuine attempts within the Pentagon to end sexual assault and rape in the military, there are still rapists in the ranks. On June 16, police arrested an Army recruiter in Orlando, FL for allegedly having a 20-year-old female recruit strip naked from the waist up so he could measure her body fat, and then coercing her into performing oral sex in the back room of his office.

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[How We Fail Our Women Vets](#) - Time Magazine

June Moss, 39, maneuvered a Humvee around charred corpses and still smoking shrapnel in Iraq in 2003. The Army driver and mechanic once watched a Black Hawk helicopter mow down insurgents a few hundred yards away. But when she called her father to tell him how tough things were, he didn't get it. "He was kind of like, 'Oh, well, you just fix the trucks. You don't have to worry about nothing,'" she recalls. Issues like this and others to include military sexual trauma are discussed in this article.

[Man accused of sexually abusing teen for years](#) - Citizens Voice

Wilkes-Barre police have charged a man with sexually assaulting a teenage girl for several years, beginning in July 2002. Investigators say the woman kept the sexual abuse quiet for years before revealing it to her fiancé and then to police in December 2008. Chad D. Benner, 37, is charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and three counts of indecent assault. The former Wilkes-Barre man is already classified as a "sexually violent predator" by the state police for attempting sexual contact with a minor in Hanover Township in 2005 and a past conviction on sexual assault charges while in the U.S. Army, records show.

[Court-Martialed Cadet Taking Case to Supreme Court](#) - WFSB Hartford

The first cadet to be court-martialed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London is taking his case to the country's highest court. Webster Smith said on his website that he's filed paperwork asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review his case. Smith served five months in a military prison after being convicted of extortion, sodomy and other charges in 2006. Smith lost his final appeal in the military justice system in March.

[UPDATED: Deputy fired after rape charge \(MUG\)](#) - Destin Log

A former Bay County sheriff's deputy charged with sexual battery said he had sex with a woman while on duty but claims the act was consensual. Benjamin Logue, 27, was arrested and fired Tuesday evening from the Sheriff's Office, where he had been employed since 2006. Logue was released from Bay County Jail on \$15,000 bond Wednesday afternoon. Logue served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2000 to 2005, reaching the rank of sergeant. He is married and has two children.

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'Rape in war is deliberate military strategy' - Calcutta Tube (blog) - Ankan Basu

Since the Second World War, the use of rape as a weapon of war has assumed strategic importance and is now a deliberate military strategy, argue researchers. A study in the Democratic Republic of the Congo found that 16,000 rapes occurred in 2008 alone and in South Kivu province; health centres estimate that 40 women were raped in the region daily. In the UK, 50-70 percent of female asylum applicants were raped, witnessed rape, or have a credible fear of rape.

Luxemburg great-grandfather convicted in sex case - Green Bay Press Gazette

A family and courtroom were divided last week when 76-year-old Gerald Bertrand of Luxemburg was sentenced to eight years in prison and 12 years of extended supervision for sexually assaulting two young relatives...Judge Warpinski said he struggled with sentencing Bertrand, a lifelong hard-working man, an Army veteran and a devout Catholic who had been married to the same woman for more than 50 years. He said he was torn as to "how to address Richard Bertrand, good person and sexual assaulter."

New UCSB Police Chief Hones in on Issues - Santa Barbara Independent

Less than nine months after leaving the University of Nevada Las Vegas Police Department to become UC Santa Barbara's chief of police, Dustin Olson has demonstrated a cautious approach to changing the status quo. While still learning the often arcane ways of UCSB, he has strengthened measures against sexual assault, plans a clamp down on bicycle theft (which he calls a "quality of life" issue) this fall, and has tried to heighten his new department's sense of being on a team. *Note: He was a former U.S. Marine Corps sergeant before joining the UNLV Police Department.*

U.S. Marine charged in Ballston rape - Washington Post (blog) - Josh White

A 21-year-old U.S. Marine who was linked to an attempted abduction on North Quincy Street in Arlington in early February was charged this week with a separate attack two weeks later on two young women in their Ballston home. Jorge "George" Torrez, who was stationed at Henderson Hall on Fort Myer, was arrested on Feb. 27, about two weeks after he allegedly tried to shove a woman into his car late at night near Washington-Lee High School.

Sexual transgression of Galveston school girls. What's the real story? - The Police News

In Houston four cops were indicted by a Harris County Grand Jury on misdemeanor charges of assault and it made national news. Photos, videos, TV, radio, newspaper, there was no slacking off on the amount of publicity given these four police officers accused of beating a teenage boy while he was handcuffed. In Galveston, an Army Sergeant assigned as a recruiting officer in two Galveston high schools was arrested for sexual impropriety with five teenage girls and the local media withheld his identification claiming its policy of not publishing names of persons charged only with a misdemeanor which is akin to a traffic ticket according to them.

"Skies To Conquer" takes inside look at Wild Blue U - 9NEWS.com

A former New York Times reporter who covered the Air Force Academy sexual assault scandal, returned to spend a year at the school, to see what changes have been made. We spoke with Diana Jean Schemo on 9NEWS 8 a.m. Schemo covered the Academy's sexual assault scandal in 2003, one of a series of academy embarrassments that have included drug use, rape complaints, and charges of evangelical officers pushing Christianity on cadets of all faiths. *Note: Excerpt from book included in the article.*